ABSOLUTE RATING: Average IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 32. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

2001 Average Average **2002**

2003 2004

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

		Our Scho	ool	_	ents Like	
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
Passed all 3 subtests	55.6	72.3	46.9	56.8	61.5	61.5
Passed 2 subtests	27.8	14.9	34.4	21.1	19.0	19.6
 Passed 1 subtest 	13.9	8.5	12.5	13.1	12.4	11.5
Passed no subtests	2.8	4.3	6.3	9.0	7.0	7.5

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	10.7%	14.5%
at four-year institutions		
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	10.7%	15.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	35.7%	41.8%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

	PERFORMANCE BY STUDE	NT GROUPS				
		Seniors				
		Exit Exam Passage	Eligibility for	Graduation		
	Student Group	Rate by Spring 2001	LIFE Scholarships	Rate		
4	All students	96.9%	10.7%	N/A until 2003		
-	Students with disabilities other than speech	50.0%	0.0%			
	Students without disabilities	100.0%	12.0%			
	Gender					
	Male	94.1%	0.0%			
	Female	100.0%	21.4%			
	Ethnic Group					
Ų	African American	85.7%	12.5%			
	Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%			
	White	100.0%	10.5%			
	Other	N/A	N/A			
	Lunch Status					
	Free/reduced-price lunch	100.0%	7.7%			
	Pay for lunch	95.5%	13.3%			

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES				
Mastering core competencies	77.1%			
Completers placed	N/A			
Eligible students enrolled	30.0%			

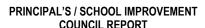
SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

_		Change from	Schools with Students	Median High
	ur School	Last Year	Like Ours	School
SCHOOL				
 Dollars spent per student 	\$6,301	N/A	\$5,814	\$5,668
 Prime instructional time 	86.3%	Up from 86.1%	89.5%	90.1%
Student-teacher ratio	17.3 to 1	N/A	23.8 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=243)				
 Advanced Placement/ 	0.0%	N/A	29.2%	40.0%
Int'l Baccalaureate Program				
Exam Success Ratio				
Attendance rate	93.4%	No change	94.9%	95.3%
Retention rate	6.9%	Down from 8.2%	11.8%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=22)				
 Professional Development 	9.1 Days	Up from 8.3	7.6 Days	7.5 Days
days per teacher				
 Attendance rate 	94.8%	Up from 94.4%	95.9%	95.7%
 Teachers with 	22.7%	Up from 14.3%	44.6%	49.4%
advanced degrees				
 Continuing 	81.8%	Down from 85.79	% 80.7%	81.0%
contract teachers				
 Teachers with 	9.1%	Up from 0.0%	4.0%	3.0%
out-of-field permits				
 Teachers returning 	88.7%	Up from 79.9%	84.4%	85.2%
from the previous				
school year				
Average teacher salary	\$33,805	Up 8.3%	\$37,139	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

Our S	School	Change From Last Year	with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
 Dropout rate 	5.7%	Up from 5.0%	3.6%	2.9%
 Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries 	52.6%	N/A	56.0%	56.4%
 Principal's years at the school 	7.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
 Percent of parents attending conferences 	18.5%	N/A	64.5%	60.1%
 Opportunities in the arts 	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
 Older than usual for grade 	9.5%	Down from 11.9%	10.9%	10.1%
 Suspended or expelled 	5	N/A	33	29
 Gifted and talented 	9.0%	Up from 3.8%	6.8%	7.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.7%	Down from 12.7%	12.2%	10.7%
 Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations 	0.0%	N/A	7.7%	4.5%
 Enrollment in career and technology center courses 	73	N/A	352	350
 Career students participating in work-based experiences 	35.8%	N/A	26.8%	23.1%

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We believe the greatest strength of Whitmire High School is the high quality of the instructional and administrative staff. We work well as a team for the benefit of our students. Staff members frequently function as counselors and mentors. Students benefit from this small, caring, but professional relationship thereby helping prevent serious problems that might occur in larger, more impersonal schools. Staff members and school administration are often deeply involved in extra-curricular activities such as field trips to historic and scientific locations. The staff and administration also support and are involved in many varied athletic, band, and student activities including community projects that help senior citizens, Christmas parades, and Halloween festivals.

This year the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools evaluated and accredited WHS. In their report they stated, "Nestled in the Piedmont of South Carolina, surrounded by the Sumter National Forest is one of the best kept secrets of Newberry County; the small community of Whitmire. The heart and soul of this community appears to be Whitmire High School...a small, rural school consisting of grades 7-12...the pride and support from the community are of a magnitude that many schools strive for, but never reach." We received 19 commendations, two recommendations for improvement, and 16 out of a possible 24 exemplary ratings.

Over the last several years we have added French, Latin, AP courses and courses to help students in math, reading and writing. This is not to say that we have no challenges. Three teachers had extended absences due to major medical problems causing us to replace them with substitutes. This year's Exit Exam scores dropped 11% in math and 6% in reading. Our PACT scores improved by 10% to 20% over last year except in 7th grade math. Next year we are doubling the class time spent in math for 7th and 8th graders and giving extra assistance to identified high school students. We also established a summer reading program to help students stay on task and be ready for the next year.

In summation, we feel with continued community and parental support our students will live up to their highest potential as productive, life-long learners.

Gary

J. Manuse

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	81.0	65.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	81.0	57.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	47.6	75.7	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

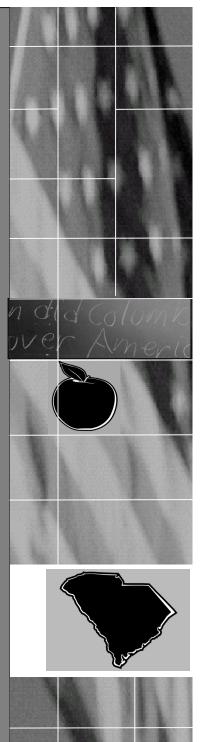
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 7-12 High School

Enrollment: 243 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School	2001
Report Card	2001

School Grade: Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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